ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM

Jane Dee Hull Governor

Phyllis Biedess Director

DATE:

MEMORANDUM

February 22, 2002

TO:

Brenda Pearson

Kay Wingate

FROM:

Barbara Ledder

SUBJECT:

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Approval

Attached is your copy of approved SPA 01-17 which updates the State Plan by deleting the mention of lump sum and non-recurring lump sum payments. This SPA is effective January 1,2002.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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C:

Diane Ross

Valerie Peterson

File

Attachment



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street Suite 408 San Francisco, CA 94105

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Phyllis Biedess, Director Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System 801 E. Jefferson Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Ms. Biedess:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 01-017, regarding the treatment of lump sum payments in determining eligibility under section 1931 of the Social Security Act. I am approving this SPA with the requested effective date of January 1, 2002.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,

Linda Minamoto

Associate Regional Administrator

Division of Medicaid

Enclosure

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Joan Peterson, CMS, CMSO, FCHPG Elliot Weisman, CMS, CMSO, PCPG (two copies) Plases process y conglete

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	 PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE S SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
O: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2002
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	NSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AME	NDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)
FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1931 of the Act	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY _2001/2002 \$ 0 b. FFY 2002/2003 \$ 0
PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Supplement 12 to Attachment 2.6-A, pages 2 and 3	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SEC OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Supplement 12 to Attachment 2.0 pages 2 and 3
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- X The agency uses less restrictive income and/or resource methodologies than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, as follows:
 - The \$90 cost of employment and \$30 and 1/3 earned income disregard will be allowed, with no time limit.
 - Dependent child's earned income will be totally disregarded provided the child is enrolled at least half the time in any recognized elementary, secondary, or post secondary school.
 - Dependent care deductions will be allowed as billed not to exceed the Title IV-A standard that was in place as of July 1996.
 - Exclude all resources.
 - The Fair Labor Standard Act "FLSA Supplement Income" payment by the State's TANF agency to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients engaging in uncompensated work activity, is disregarded as income.
 - The one time lump sum TANF grant diversion payment is disregarded as income and as resources.
 - Earned income received in the second and third month of eligibility is disregarded for recipients.
 - Eliminate the shelter cost factor when applying the income standard for the family size, thereby using the highest standard,
 - 9. For applicants who meet the needs test and for all recipients, apply the existing \$30 and 1/3 earned income disregards or for all applicants and recipients, an income disregard equal to the difference between the income standard and 100% of the Federal Poverty Level for the family size, adjusted annually, plus one dollar, whichever is greater. Income eligibility will be calculated as follows:
 - a. Starting with the family's countable unearned and earned income, subtract from the earned income, the earned income disregards of \$90 cost of employment, \$30 and 1/3 of the remainder and appropriate dependent care expenses and compare the family's total net amount to 36% of the 1992. FPL income standard. If the net amount is less than the standard, the family is eligible under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act. If the net amount equals or exceeds the standard, complete a second step.

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b. Use the same methodology except for the \$30 and 1/3 earned income disregard, apply the 100% FPL income disregard to the family's net unearned and earned income and compare the net income amount to the income standard. If the net amount is less than the standard, the family is eligible under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act.

The income and/or resource methodologies that the less restrictive methodologies replace are as follows:

- The 30% or \$30 and 1/3 earned income disregard, whichever is greater.
- 2. Part-time students are eligible for disregard only if working part-time.
- Dependent care deductions are allowed as paid not to exceed the Title IV-A standard that was in place as of July 1996.
- 4. \$2,000 resource standard.
- None. This supplement payment was first implemented by the State's TANF agency in July 1999.
- None. The TANF Grant Diversion program was first implemented by the state in October 1999.
- 7. None

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- In effect as of July 16, 1996, the income standard was adjusted for a shelter cost factor.
- In effect as of July 16, 1996, there was no additional income disregard if the family's net income, after applying all appropriate income disregards, met or exceeded the income standard.

The agency terminates medical assistance (except for certain pregnant women and children) for individuals who fail to meet TANF work requirements.

X The agency continues to apply the following waivers of provisions of Part A of Title IV in effect as of July 16, 1996, or submitted prior to August 22, 1996 and approved by the Secretary on or before July 1, 1997.

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